

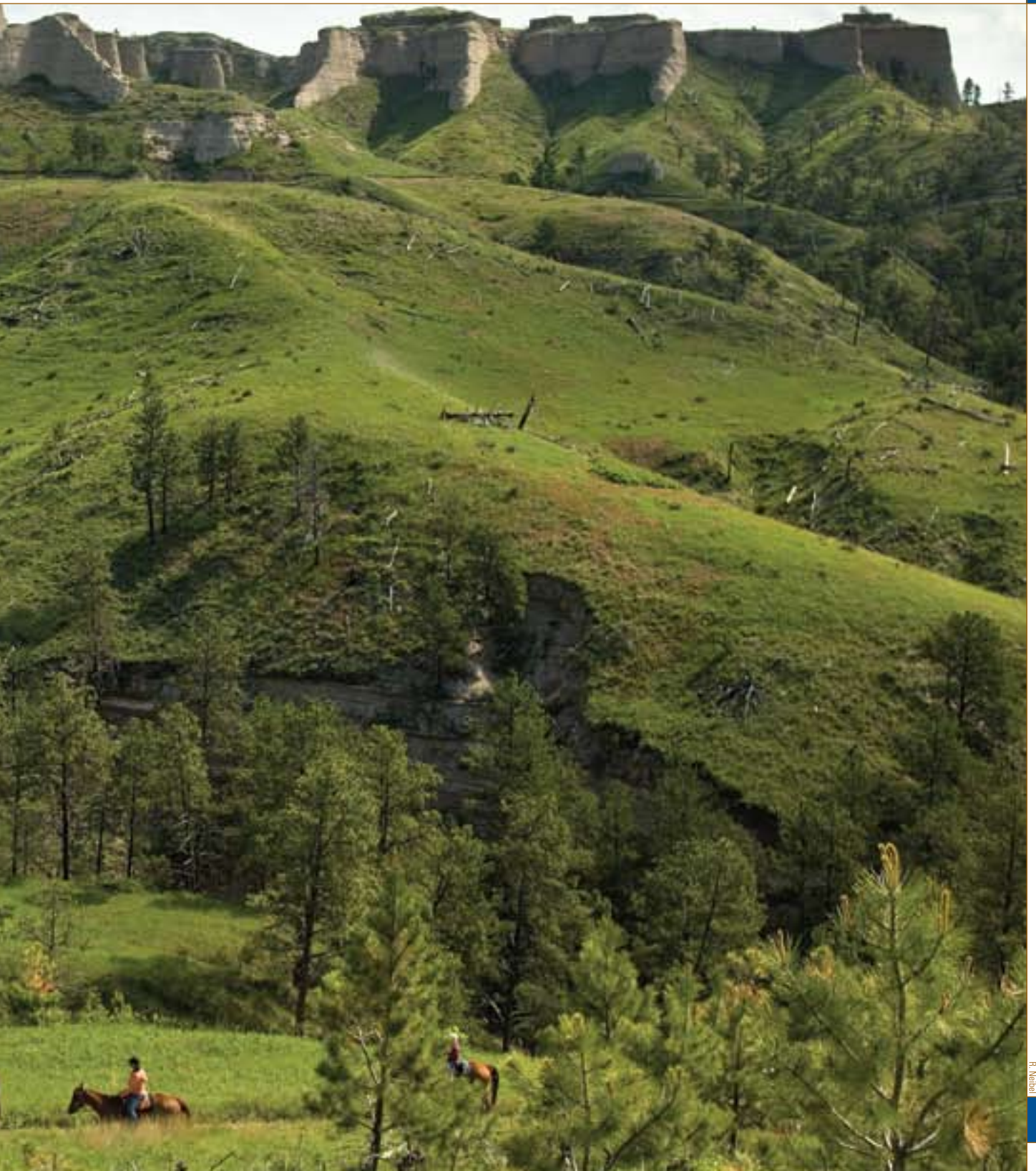
[FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK]

Few places can deliver a

well-rounded experience like Fort Robinson State Park. Located on 22,000 acres near Crawford, this former military outpost offers horseback and Jeep rides, history-filled museums, live entertainment, and so much more. No matter what your fancy, your days (and nights) are sure to be filled with fun and adventure.

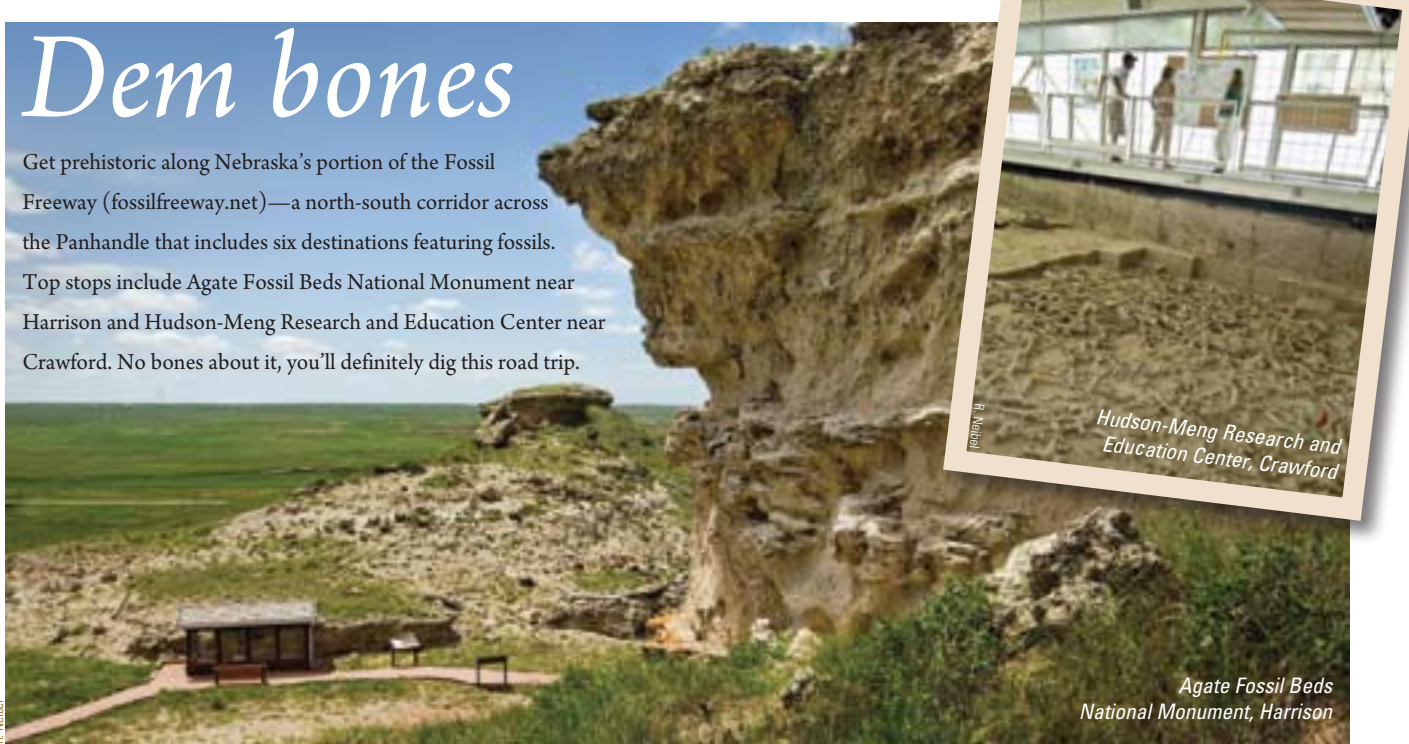


Panhandle



Dem bones

Get prehistoric along Nebraska's portion of the Fossil Freeway (fossilfreeway.net)—a north-south corridor across the Panhandle that includes six destinations featuring fossils. Top stops include Agate Fossil Beds National Monument near Harrison and Hudson-Meng Research and Education Center near Crawford. No bones about it, you'll definitely dig this road trip.



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Hudson-Meng Research and Education Center, Crawford

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Harrison

Courthouse and Jail Rocks, Bridgeport



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As you travel westward through Nebraska, the terrain begins to make a dramatic—and somewhat unexpected—change. Rising in stark contrast to Nebraska's famously flat landscape are the unmistakable outcroppings of Chimney Rock, Scotts Bluff, and Courthouse and Jail Rocks, which once served as guideposts for emigrants along the Oregon, California, and Mormon Trails. Today, these rocks continue to awe passersby.

Near Crawford, the rock formations create a somewhat otherworldly experience. Often described as resembling the surface of the moon, Toadstool Geologic Park contains unusual geologic formations and fossil deposits exposed by years of erosion. And while the terrain is considered a badland, you're likely to walk away with nothing but good things to say about this memorable site.

Toadstool Geologic Park, Crawford

R. Nabeel



Are you ready to rock?

Knight Museum and
Sandhills Center, Alliance

The Sandhills Drive-In,
Alliance

Carhenge,
Alliance

A unique Alliance

At the very center of Nebraska's Panhandle lies Alliance—an old railroad town that boasts plenty to see and do.

History buffs can get their fix at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center, which celebrates the area's unique landscape and people with educational exhibits and a genealogical research center. Another sweet spot for lovers of history is Sallows Military Museum. If you want a brush with the fine arts, a visit to Carnegie Arts Center is in order.

But no trip to Alliance would be complete without a stop at Carhenge, a to-scale replica of England's Stonehenge constructed out of old cars. Named the second-wackiest attraction in the United States by TripAdvisor, it's bound to put a smile on your face. Finish your uniquely Alliance experience with a trip down memory lane by catching a flick at The Sandhills Drive-In, one of only two drive-in theatres left in the state.

'TIS THE SEASON

No matter what the calendar says, it's always a good time to visit the Pine Ridge near Chadron. Open year-round, the Pine Ridge National Recreation Area and Nebraska National Forest (Pine Ridge Ranger District) are renowned for their natural beauty, abundant wildlife, and plentiful opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Explore the area's trails on foot, by mountain bike, or via cross-country skis. Or you can saddle up and take a horseback ride along the 26-mile Pine Ridge Trail on your own or during the annual two-day Ride the Ridge event. Simply choose your mode of transportation and enjoy—beauty and adventure are always in season at this great Nebraska destination.

Nebraska National Forest
(Pine Ridge Ranger District), Chadron

ALLIANCE

308-762-1520 • www.alliancechamber.com

Box Butte County Travelers Aid and Tourism Facility

221 E. Third St • 308-762-3876 or 877-BOX-TRSM
Year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

Attractions

Carhenge 2½ mi. N. on NE Hwy 87 – Unique replica of mysterious 4,000-year-old Stonehenge. Made of 38 vintage cars of the 1950s and 1960s arranged in dimension and orientation like Stonehenge. Visitor center, gift shop and information kiosk. Open year-round, daily, until 10pm. Gift shop open during summer. Free. 308-762-3569 or 800-738-0648 www.carhenge.com &
Carnegie Arts Center 204 W. 4th St – Historic 1911 building. Fine arts gallery featuring local and regional artists, gifts and sculpture garden. Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 1-4pm. Free. 308-762-4571 www.carnegieartscenter.com &

Dobby's Frontier Town 320 E. 25th St – Turn-of-the-century town with a log cabin built by the first African-American homesteader in Nebraska, mercantile, boot-legger's cabin, post office, baled straw house and more. Summer hours: 10am-6pm, weather permitting. Winter hours: 10am-dusk. 308-762-4321 www.dobbysfrontiertown.com &

Knight Museum and Sandhills Center

908 Yellowstone Ave – Exhibits depict the rich pioneer spirit of western Nebraska. The Heritage Room features one of the largest collections for genealogical and historical research in the area. Summer hours: Mon-Fri, 8am-7pm; Sat 10am-6pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Winter hours: Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Sat, 10am-5pm. 308-762-2384 www.cityofalliance.net &



Nearly 350,000 pioneers passed by Chimney Rock in the mid-1800s. Witness what it's like to see the famed landmark from a covered wagon with the Oregon Trail Wagon Train near Bayard.

Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance 3 mi. E.

– Located on the site of the former Army Airbase. Marble headstones, historical displays and memorabilia represent a tribute to our nation's heroes. 308-763-8426 www.visitboxbutte.com &

Salloons Military Museum 1109 Niobrara St in Central Park – Featuring Alliance Airbase artifacts from WWII and Box Butte County history from all military branches. Open Mon-Sat, 1-5pm; or by appt. 308-762-2384 or 308-762-2385 &

The Sandhills Drive-In 2 mi. E. on Airport Rd –

One of Nebraska's 2 remaining drive-in theatres. Single feature shown June-Aug, Sat-Sun evenings. 308-762-4100 www.bbc.net/geju &

Outfitters

Rooster Junction 880 Cty Rd 59, 16 mi. N. – Offering full-service pheasant and sharp-tailed grouse hunting guides. Lodging available in an 8,000-sq-ft lodge with steam sauna. Hunting Aug-Jan. Hunting access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. 308-762-1640 www.roosterjunction.com

Accommodations

BAYARD

308-586-1121 • www.cityofbayard.net

Attractions

Bayard Depot Museum 103 S. Main St – Pioneer machinery, tools, quilts, schoolroom, kitchen and bedroom. Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, daily, 12:30-4pm. Groups by appt. Free. 308-586-1496 bayardmuseum.tripod.com/home &

Chimney Rock National Historic Site and Visitors Center 4 mi. S., 1 mi. S. of Jct of NE Hwy 92 & US Hwy 26 –


"Towering to the heavens" is how one pioneer described Chimney Rock, the most recognized landmark along the Oregon Trail. Visitor center open year-round, daily, 9am-5pm. Closed major holidays. Admission. 308-586-2581 www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/rock &

Outfitters

Oregon Trail Wagon Train 2 mi. S., ½ mi. W. – Tours of Chimney Rock and wagon rides. Year-round. Hunting guide service. Waterfowl hunting. Canoeing. Chuck wagon. Horseback riding. 308-586-1850 www.oregontrailwagontrain.com

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Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance

- 20 acres of beautiful prairie landscaping
- A living cemetery for all to enjoy
- Meeting room available for Veteran reunions and conferences



The Box Butte County Tourism office wants to extend a personal invitation to all Nebraskans and veterans to make a trip to this special memorial. Motel rooms available in Alliance with free van transportation to the cemetery.

877-BOX-TRSM • www.visitboxbutte.com

BIG SPRINGS

308-889-3681 • www.ci.big-springs.ne.us



Accommodations

BRIDGEPORT

308-262-1825 • www.bridgeportneb.com

Attractions

Bridgeport State Recreation Area US Hwys 26 & 385 – Sandpit lakes provide recreation near Chimney, Courthouse and Jail Rocks. Open year-round. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-436-3777

www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Courthouse and Jail Rocks 5 mi. S. on NE Hwy 88 – These unusual rock formations were 2 of the first “road signs” met by westward travelers. Open year-round, daylight hours. Free. 308-586-2581 or 800-833-6747 www.nebraskahistory.org

Pioneer Trails Museum US Hwys 26 & 385 at N. end of Main St – Displays and demonstrations regarding irrigation, black powder shoots and American Indian history. Open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 1-6pm. Free. 308-262-0123 &



Accommodations

CHADRON

800-603-2937 • www.chadron.com

Attractions

Chadron State Park 8½ mi. S. on US Hwy 385 – Nebraska’s first state park is nestled in the picturesque Pine Ridge with a modern campground, swimming pool, trail rides and more. Cabins available mid-Apr thru mid-Nov and for big game and wild turkey seasons. Day use and camping year-round. Park permit required. 308-432-6167 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Dawes County Historical Society Museum

341 Country Club Rd, 2½ mi. S. on US Hwy 385 – Genealogical and research library, log house, barn, school, church, caboose and county record collection. Memorial Day-Sep 30, Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun & holidays, 1-5pm; or by appt. Donation. 308-432-2309 or 308-432-4999 &

Eleanor Barbour Cook Museum of Geology 1000 Main St, Chadron State College – Rocks, minerals and fossils from Nebraska and around the world. Exhibits include the Ohme collection of agates, jade and petrified wood. Daily, 7:30am-4:30pm; or by appt. Closed major holidays & spring break. 308-432-6377 www.csc.edu/geoscience &

High Plains Herbarium 1000 Main St, Chadron State College – Nebraska’s largest ethnobotanical, medicinal plant and historic pharmaceutical collections. Daily, 8am-5pm. Tours by appt. 308-432-6385 www.csc.edu/mathsci/herbarium &



Homestead Diner *Hot Beef Sandwich*
Alliance, 308-762-1632

Angela’s Eatery *Fajitas*
Chadron, 308-432-5500

Bean Broker Coffee House *Breakfast Sandwich*
Chadron, 308-432-3440

The Heritage Grille *Chicken Sandwich*
Chadron, 308-432-3648

Wrecker’s Roadhouse *Chicken-Fried Steak*
Chadron, 308-432-6773

Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center 1000 Main St, Chadron State College – Exhibit and collection of author Mari Sandoz and High Plains cattle ranching history, archives and library. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 8am-noon & 1-4pm; Sat, 9am-noon & 1-4pm. Closed college holidays. Archives open by appt. Free. 308-432-6401 or 800-242-3766 www.csc.edu/sandoz &

Museum of the Fur Trade 3 mi. E. on US Hwy 20 – Museum dedicated to history of North American fur trade, the oldest business in the New World. The Bordeaux Trading Post, operated 1837-1876, stands on museum grounds. Open May 1-Oct 31, daily, 8am-5pm; or by appt. Admission. 308-432-3843 www.furtrade.org &

Nebraska National Forest (Pine Ridge Ranger District) Ranger office 125 N. Main St, forest located S. & W. of town – Deer and turkey hunting on public lands. Hiking, biking and horseback trails. Open year-round. Attractions: Toadstool Park, Soldier Creek Wilderness, Pine Ridge Nat’l Recreation Area. Camping fee. 308-432-0300 www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska &

Pine Ridge National Recreation Area 14 mi. S.W. – Enjoy 6,600 acres for semiprimitive recreation. No motorized vehicles. Mountain bikes permitted. Open year-round. Fees for camping mid-May thru mid-Nov at handicapped-accessible trailhead. 308-432-0300 www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska



Outfitters

Box L Hunting Ranch 20 mi. N.W. to Pine Ridge area – A 25,000-acre, family-owned ranch since 1884. Nine miles of river bottom, great facilities. Arrive as a guest, leave as a friend. Year-round. Hunting access. Shooting range access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. Bird-viewing service. Hiking guide service. 308-430-4379 www.boxlranch.com

Rocking Heart Elk Ranch 1338 Table Rd – Nebraska trophy hunts for elk, fallow, Pere David deer, Sika deer, ibex, turkey, mouflon, black Hawaiian and Texas Dahl rams. Log cabin, elk tours and photo safari available. Year-round. Hunting guide service. Big game hunting. 308-432-4314 www.elkplanet.com

Table Top Hunting Preserve 1011 Table Rd, 22 mi. S.W. – Active hunting preserve hosts visitors from across the United States each year. Sep 1-Mar 31. Hunting access. Game farm access. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. 308-432-5828 www.nebraskahighcountry.com



Accommodations

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Wings Hunting 650 Rd 173, 4½ mi. S.E. on US Hwy 385, ½ mi. S. on Rd 173 – Easy access from I-80 or I-76. Pheasant, chukar, goose, duck, dove and coyote hunting in season. Lodging for up to 8 people. Sep 1-Mar 31. Hunting access. Shooting range access. Hunting guide service. Waterfowl hunting. Upland game hunting. 308-874-2295



Accommodations

R. Neibel



Before the West was won, fur traders wandered these lands in search of wealth and adventure. Find out how these entrepreneurs helped shape America at the Museum of the Fur Trade near Chadron. While you’re there, be sure to step inside the Bordeaux Trading Post.



CRAWFORD

308-665-2602 • www.crawfordnebraska.biz

Attractions

Crawford Museum Downtown – American Indian artifacts, rock collection, business ledgers and beaded handbag collection. Local memorabilia, photos, postcards, posters, pamphlets and collection of local newspapers. Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 10am-noon & 1-5pm. Closed Sun. Donation. 308-665-1732 &

Fort Robinson State Park 3 mi. W. on US Hwy 20 – Activities include trail rides, cookouts, hiking, Jeep rides and more. Viewing pasture for bison and purebred Texas longhorns. Open year-round for day use. Cabins, lodge and modern facilities open Apr-Nov. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-665-2900 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Hudson-Meng Research and Education Center 4 mi. N. on NE Hwy 2, W. on Toadstool Rd, follow signs – Largest bison bone bed in Western Hemisphere, where 600 bison perished 10,000 years ago. How? Archaeologists excavate to unravel the mystery. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 9am-5pm. Admission. 308-432-0300 www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska/resources/geological/hudsonmeng/index.shtml &

Nebraska State Historical Society's Fort Robinson Museum 3 mi. W. on US Hwy 20 – Nebraska State Historical Society branch museum. Interpretive exhibits in 1905 Post Headquarters feature items from the Fort's history. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 8am-5pm; Sun, 9am-5pm. Rest of the year, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. Admission. 308-665-2919 www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/fortrob/index.htm &

Oglala National Grassland 7 mi. N. on NE Hwy 71 – Almost 95,000 acres of prairie grasses provide hunting in season, hiking and nature study in the high country of western Nebraska. 308-432-0300 www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska &

Soldier Creek Wilderness 8 mi. W. – This federal wilderness encompasses 7,794 acres and offers 15 miles of trails for nonmechanized use only. See a variety of wildlife as well as buttes and pinnacles. Open year-round. Fees for camping mid-May thru mid-Nov at handicapped-accessible trailhead. 308-432-0300 www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska



High Plains Homestead, Home of the Drifter Cookshack & Bunkhouse, Crawford

Toadstool Geologic Park 4 mi. N. on NE Hwy 2, W. on Toadstool Rd, follow signs – The “moonscape” is noted for unusual geologic formations and fossil deposits. Interpretive kiosk and brochure highlight geology and formations. Loop trail, fee. Year-round, 24 hrs/day. Admission mid-May thru mid-Nov. Camping fee. 308-432-0300 www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska/units/prdd/toadstooltemp.html &

Trailside Museum of Natural History 3200 W. US Hwy 20, 3 mi. W. on US Hwy 20 in Fort Robinson State Park – The new *Clash of the Mammoths* exhibit features the fossils of two mammoths whose tusks locked together during an Ice Age battle for dominance. Fascinating western Nebraska fossil and geology displays. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 9am-6pm; Apr-May & Sep-Oct, Mon-Fri, 10:30am-3:30pm. Admission. 308-665-2929 www.trailside.unl.edu &

Outfitters

Ash Creek Ranch 617 W. Ash Creek Rd, 6 mi. E., 1 mi. S. – White-tailed and mule deer and Merriam's turkey hunts. Hunting access. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. 308-665-1580 www.ashcreeknebraska.com

Down Home Ranch Guest House 12733 NE Hwy 2/71 – Book a hunting package or take part in the full ranch experience. Lodging available. Hunting access. Hunting guide service. 602-620-5755 www.downhomeranchhouse.com

Johnson Ranch 220 Lawrence Rd, Whitney, 5 mi. N. of Crawford on NE Hwy 2, 2 mi. E. on Lawrence Rd – Guided and semiguide hunts for game birds, Merriam's turkey and white-tailed deer. Apr-Jan. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. Bird-viewing service. Horseback riding. Horse boarding. 308-665-3960 www.onelazyj.com

Nebraska High Country Ranch Ride 617 W. Ash Creek Rd – Fully guided trail rides through the beautiful Pine Ridge area. Design a ride to your specifications or join a prescheduled ride. Bunkhouse lodging, hearty meals, entertainment and corrals for your horse. June-Oct. Horseback riding. Bring own horse. Horse boarding. 308-665-1580 www.nebraskahighcountryranchride.com

Our Heritage Guest Ranch B&B 1041 Toadstool Rd, 5 mi. N. on NE Hwy 71, W. 11 mi. on Toadstool Park Rd – Family-owned working ranch on 3,600 acres. Join in daily activities or simply stay in the lovely B&B. Five-day packages available. Year-round. Hunting access. Hunting guide service. Big game hunting. Hiking guide service. Chuck wagon. Horseback riding. Bring own horse. Horse boarding. 308-665-2810 www.vacation-ranch.com

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Accommodations

DALTON

Outfitters

Prairie Springs Upland Game Hunting 10349 Rd 58, 35 mi. N. of Sidney – Get away, relax, test your aim with sporting clays or warm up your dog for the wild bird season. Fishing, hiking, volleyball and other activities. Lodging available. Hunting Sep 1-Mar 31. Year-round activities. Hunting access. Game farm access. Shooting range access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. 308-250-2403 www.prairiespringsllc.com

ELLSWORTH

Attractions

Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge 28 mi. N. of Oshkosh – More than 45,000 acres of refuge and a number of lakes. Established as a nesting and migratory bird refuge. Hunting, fishing and bird-watching opportunities. 308-762-4893 www.fws.gov/crescentlake &



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Gering Information Caboose

NE Hwy 71 & U St • 308-436-6886

Year-round, 24 hrs/day, Free Wi-Fi

Attractions

Buffalo Creek Recreation Area 9 mi. S. on NE Hwy 71, 2 mi. E., $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. S. — Only a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile walk to fishing lake, picnic area and wildlife area. 308-436-6886 www.geringtourism.com

Farm And Ranch Museum 2930 M St, E. of Scotts Bluff National Monument — Explore the history of farm and ranch equipment with vintage horse-drawn and tractor-powered machines. Open May-Sep, Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Donation. 308-436-1989 www.farmandranchmuseum.com &

Five Rocks Amphitheater $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. S.E. of Scotts Bluff National Monument, Five Rocks Rd to W. D St — Scenic 3,000-seat amphitheater featuring summer concert series of jazz, blues, country and rock performances. Thu nights in the summer present Movies at the Rocks. Admission. 308-436-5096 www.gering.org &

Highway 92 Raceway Park 4 mi. E. on NE Hwy 92 — Asphalt racetrack featuring stock car racing May-Sep, Fri, 7:30pm. Admission. 308-632-7154 &

North Platte Valley Museum and Western History Archive 900 Overland Trails Rd, 11th & J Sts — Step back onto the Oregon Trail! Learn the story of the pioneers who inhabited and settled the beautiful North Platte River Valley from prehistoric times to the 1930s. Museum hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm; Sat-Sun, 1-4pm. Closed weekends Labor Day-Memorial Day. Admission. 308-436-5411 www.npvm.org &

Robidoux Pass and Robidoux Trading Post Jct NE Hwys 92 & 71, 1 mi. S. on NE Hwy 71, 8 mi. W. — Western traffic flowed through this pass from 1843 to 1851. Blacksmith shop monument and pioneer graves. Reconstructed trading post in Carter Canyon, south of Gering; turn right at Cedar Canyon Rd. Open year-round. Groups by appt. Free. 308-436-6886 www.geringtourism.com

Scotts Bluff National Monument 190276 Old Oregon Trail, 2 mi. W. of M St on Old Oregon Trail — A majestic landmark used by American Indians, fur trappers, pioneers and modern travelers. Oregon Trail still visible. Open Memorial Day weekend thru mid-Aug, daily, 8am-7pm. Rest of the year, daily, 8am-5pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Admission. 308-436-9700 www.nps.gov/scbl &

Scotts Bluff National Monument, Gering



Wildcat Hills Nature Center 10 mi. S. on NE Hwy 71

— The unique flora and fauna of the Wildcat Hills area are exhibited and displayed at this interactive nature center. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 8am-4:30pm. Off-season, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm. Park permit required. 308-436-3777 or 308-436-3394 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area 8 mi. S. on NE Hwy 71 — Beautiful and rugged. A treat for backpackers, hikers, campers and shutterbugs. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-436-3777 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Wildlife World Wyobraska Natural History Museum 950 U St — See more than 650 species of animals from 7 continents in their natural habitat, fossils and dioramas. Many not seen in any other museum. Summer hours: Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm. Closed Dec 1-Mar 1, other winter hours vary. Admission. 308-436-7104 www.wyobraskawildlifemuseum.com &



Accommodations

GORDON

308-282-0730 • www.gordonchamber.com

Attractions

Scamahorn Museum W. 5th St in Wayland Park — History of the Gordon area in 1884 church. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon, Wed & Fri, 1-4pm; Tue & Thu, 7-9pm. Free. 308-327-2917 &

Sheridan Gallery 158 Sheridan St — Featuring the art of Jean Ann Curry-Hess, who portrays the Nebraska Sandhills and surrounding area. American Indian art, prints, antiques and other gift items. Custom framing and art classes available. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 9am-noon. Free. 308-282-9972 www.thesheridangallery.com &

Tri-State Old Time Cowboys Memorial Museum 4th & Oak Sts in city park — This log building contains cowboy artifacts such as saddles, hats and boots, plus a chuck wagon and more than 200 cattle brands. Open Memorial Day thru mid-Sep, daily, noon-5pm; or by appt. Free. 308-282-0749 &

Outfitters

Horse Thief Cave Ranch 1711 550th Trail Rd, 15 mi. S.E. — Guided deer and turkey hunts on more than 2,500 acres. Private house, completely furnished with meals included. B&B available for upland bird hunters and outdoorsmen. Year-round. Hunting access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. Horseback riding. Bring own horse. Horse boarding. 308-282-1017 www.horsethiefcave.com



Get a taste of western Nebraska at the annual Oregon Trail Days in Gering. The weekend is loaded with entertainment, exhibits, and events—including the popular chili cook-off.

Johndreau Ranch 11 mi. S. on NE Hwy 27, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. E. — More than 2 miles of prime Niobrara River Valley habitat. Hunts for trophy white-tailed deer, mule deer and Merriam's turkey. Lodging and camping available. Year-round. Hunting access. Hunting guide service. Big game hunting. Horseback riding. Bring own horse. Horse boarding. 308-282-1009 www.HuntNiobrara.com



Accommodations

HARRISON

308-668-2428 • www.visitnorthwestnebraska.com

Attractions

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument 24 mi. S. on NE Hwy 29 — Visitor center and museum with displays of fossils, American Indian artifacts and walking trails. Year-round, 8am-4pm. Open until 6pm during summer. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Admission or National Park Pass required. 308-668-2211 www.nps.gov/agfo &

Sioux County Historical Museum E. side of S. Main St — A schoolhouse, post office, country store, telephone office and home. The main building tells the story of the settling of Sioux County. May 31-Sep 15, Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 1-4pm. Free. 308-668-2110 www.visitnorthwestnebraska.com &

Warbonnet Battlefield 3 mi. E. on US Hwy 20 to Pants Butte Rd, 16 mi. N. to sharp right curve, 4 mi. E. on Montrose Rd — A stone monument honors the 5th Cavalry. To the southeast is a monument to Yellow Hair (Hand), who was killed by Buffalo Bill Cody. Historic Montrose church and cemetery also at this site. Free. 308-432-0300 www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska



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Attractions

Heritage Center I and II First center is at 2nd & Main Sts in an old hardware store; second, on N. Baker St in an 1884 church – History of Hay Springs area. Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Fri, 1-4pm; or by appt. Free. ♻

Walgren Lake State Recreation Area 2 mi. E., 3 mi. S. of US Hwy 20 – Legend of a Loch Ness-style creature in this tranquil lake with camping, fishing, hiking and picnic facilities. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-763-2940 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov ♻

Outfitters

Alcorn's Hunter Haven 4399 460th Rd, 11 mi. S., 1 mi. E., 1/4 mi. S. – Fully guided hunting for upland game, deer and waterfowl. Kennels available. Sep 1-Mar 31. Hunting guide service. Waterfowl hunting. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. 308-232-4508 or 877-369-4674 www.alcornshunterhaven.com

Deer Meadows Outfitters 30 mi. S. of Gordon, 4 mi. E. – In the heart of the Sandhills. Hunt monster mule and white-tailed deer and antelope. Guided bird-watching available. Year-round. Hunting guide service. Waterfowl hunting. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. Fishing guide service. Bird-viewing service. 308-360-0664 www.deermeadowsoutfitters.com

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308-487-3465 • www.ci.kimball.ne.us

Attractions

Box Butte Reservoir State Recreation Area 9 1/2 mi. N. on asphalt road – This 1,600-acre reservoir on the Niobrara River offers camping and water-related recreation just south of the majestic Pine Ridge. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-763-2940 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov ♻

Accommodations

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Attractions

Stateline Island, North Platte National Wildlife Refuge 0.7 mi. S. on NE Hwy 86 – Hike the nature trail along the North Platte River. Open year-round, daily, sunrise-sunset. Free. 308-762-4893 www.fws.gov/crescentlake

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Attractions

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Longing for some time on the water? Box Butte Reservoir State Recreation Area near Hemingford is teeming with recreational opportunities.

Panorama Point and Three-State Marker 40 mi. S.W. – Visit Nebraska's highest point at 5,424 feet. See the Three-State Marker (Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado). Maps available at the Kimball-Banner County Chamber, 122 S. Chestnut St. Tours by request for a fee. 308-235-3782 ☎

Accommodations

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308-778-5421 • www.gardencountychamber.com

Attractions

17 Ranch Winery 304 Main St – Winery and tasting room showcasing a variety of wines from ranch vineyard. Honey wines from area beekeeper. Gift shop and local artisans' exhibits. Open year-round, Wed-Sat, 1-6pm; or by appt. Tasting fee. 308-778-5542 ☎

Archaeological finds, wagon ruts, paved hiking trails, and wondrous views are just a few of the things today's visitors will discover at Ash Hollow State Historical Park near Lewellen.



Ash Hollow State Historical Park 3 mi. S.E. on US Hwy 26 – Popular stop along the Oregon Trail; visible wagon ruts. Grounds open year-round, 8am-sunset. Interpretive facilities, visitor center and prehistoric cave open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, Thu-Sun, 9am-4pm. Park permit required. 308-778-5651 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov ☎

The Most Unlikely Place 205 Main St – Historic building renovated into an art gallery featuring pastels, oils, watercolors, glass etchings and wood sculptures by local artisans. Coffee shop, free Wi-Fi and gourmet lunch also available. Open year-round, Wed-Sat, 9am-2pm. 308-778-9557 or 308-778-5595 www.themostunlikelyplace.com ☎

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Accommodations

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Outfitters

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Rush Creek Adventures 102 Coldwater – A commercial hunting venture providing hunts for spring turkey, antelope, deer and waterfowl in western Nebraska. Spring-winter. Hunting access. Hunting guide service. Waterfowl hunting. Big game hunting. 308-772-4105 www.rushcreekadventures.com

Accommodations

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308-783-1414 • www.cityofminatare.com

Attractions

Lake Minatare State Recreation Area 9 mi. N. on Stonegate Rd – More than 2,000 acres of water for boaters, campers, fishermen and outdoor enthusiasts. See the stone lighthouse. Closed Oct 15-Jan 15. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-783-2911 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov ☎

Accommodations

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308-623-9926 • www.mitchellcity.net

Attractions

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308-247-3132 • www.villageofmorrill.com

Attractions

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Accommodations

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Attractions

Historical Society of Garden County W. 1st St & Ave E and W. 2nd St & Ave G – Early 1900s school and opera house. Period rooms, tools, clothing, American Indian artifacts and Miles Maryott bird collection. Open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 9am-4pm; Sun, 2-6pm. Free. 308-772-3848 or 308-772-4643 www.gardencountychamber.com ☎

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Attractions

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